

METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of August 14, 2007

Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Building A, 1801 Fourth Street NW

Members Present: Donald H. Couchman, Chair; Sandra P. Richardson, Vice Chair; Robert W. Day; Joe M. Montano; Carolyn Stewart; Jerry Worrall

Members Absent: Orlando Sedillo; Robert W. Wood

City Staff Present: Jay Hart, PRD-Director; Jay Evans, PRD-Deputy Director; Malia Tafoya–Board Secretary

Visitors: Darlene Couchman, Arts Board; Bill Nordin, BFPB representative; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills

1. Call to Order

Chair Couchman called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests

Visitors and guests listed above.

Approval of Today's Agenda

Member Worrall moved approval, Vice Chair Richardson seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of July Minutes

Chair Couchman stated the Minutes are approved by general consent.

Announcements

Chair Couchman announced there was a prairie dog issue in the paper this morning that may be discussed under New Business if time allows. Chair Couchman also announced that the Balloon Fiesta ordinance material is in for revision with Council Services and he urges all to submit a letter to City Council with input regarding this revision. Bill Nordin advised it is his belief the material has been pulled from Mondays Agenda and changed to Septembers Agenda.

2. General Public Testimony

Cliff Richardson, as member and former chair of the PIC for MRCOG, discussed the importance of maintenance and repairs for PRD asking the board to think of ways to get money into the system for maintenance and repairs.

3. Reports

Jay Hart updated the board on items that included park use, maintenance, patrol, renovations and improvements. Mr. Hart provided handouts to include a survey

of grass medians, positive rankings Albuquerque has received, and various priority objective reports.

Bill Nordin advised handicapped parking was addressed at the last BF policy board meeting. Mr. Nordin also reported on bus issues at BF Park.

Member Stewart advised they are still in the plans to do park assessments as well as coordinating with health representatives and committees regarding prescription trails.

Members' Roundtable

Member Worrall reported on the benefits to having a neighborhood on patrol, and advised he made a suggestion to his councilor to name a park in his area that is in the proposal stages after Shawn McWethy.

Member Montano advised there was 8-10 inches of water at Viella Park following rains, Mr. Hart responded that they are still working on this park as inspections have not passed. Member Montano also discussed trash pick up at parks on weekends.

Vice Chair Richardson reported that Heritage Hills Park was in very good condition for the National Night Out Event hosted by Cherry Hills. Also, appreciated the trash-free mowed grounds, and well maintained porta-potties.

Member Stewart advised there was a park dedication 3 weeks or less from when the play area was burnt in the park in her neighborhood.

Director Hart made a request for a check list to assess parks, Vice Chair Richardson volunteered to create a form and send it via email.

4. Unfinished Business

After a brief discussion, a decision was made to meet on September 15th, 8:00 am at the Parks and Recreation Building to tour various PRD Facilities.

Per a prior request by Duwayne Ordonez, Member Stewart read over a list of ideas she made for outdoor recreation activities to do in parks with kids.

5. New Business

Director Hart made a Power Point Presentation on priority objectives for PRD.

Chair Couchman entertained a motion to extend the meeting, Vice Chair Richardson moved, Member Day seconded; the board unanimously approved the motion.

Next meeting September 11th, 2007, 4:00pm to 6:00 pm
Adjourn Chair Couchman declared the meeting adjourned.